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The GUARDIAN.

——loca jam recitata revolvimus—— Hor.

Wednesday, September 23. 1713.

SIR,

'I Observe that many of your late Papers have 'represented to us the Characters of accom- 'plished Women; but among all of them I do 'not find a Quotation which I expected to have seen 'in your Works: I mean the Character of the Mi- 'stress of a Family as it is drawn out at length in 'the Book of *Proverbs*. For my part, considering 'it only as a Human Composition I do not think 'that there is any Character in *Theophrastus*, which 'has so many beautiful articulars in it, and which 'is drawn with such an Elegance of Thought and 'Phrase. I wonder that it is not written in Letters 'of Gold in the great Hall of every Country Gen- 'tleman.

'Who can find a Virtuous Woman? For her 'Price is far above Rubies.

'The Heart of her Husband doth safely trust in 'her, so that he shall have no need of Spoil.

'She will do him Good, and not Evil, all the 'Days of her Life.

'She seeketh Wooll and Flax, and worketh wil- 'lingly with her Hands.

'She is like the Merchants Ships, she bringeth her 'Food from afar.

'She riseth also while it is yet Night, and giveth 'Meat to her Houshold, and a Portion to her Mai- 'dens.

'She considereth a Field, and buyeth it; with 'the Fruit of her Hands she planteth a Vineyard.

'She girdeth her Loins with Strength, and 'strengthneth her Arms.

'She perceiveth that her Merchandize is good: 'Her Candle goeth not out by Night.

'She layeth her Hands to the Spindle, and her 'Hands hold the Distaff.

'She stretcheth out her Hand to the Poor; yea, 'she reacheth forth her Hands to the Needy.

'She is not afraid of the Snow for her Hous- 'hold, for all her Houshold are cloathed with Scar- 'let.

'She maketh herself Coverings of Tapestry, her 'cloathing is Silk and Purple.

'Her Husband is known in the Gates, when he 'sitteth among the Elders of the Land.

'She maketh fine Linnen, and selleth it, and 'delivereth Girdles unto the Merchant.

'Strength and Honour are her cloathing, and 'she shall rejoice in Time to come.

'She openeth her Mouth with Wisdom, and in 'her Tongue is the Law of Kindness.

'She looketh well to the ways of her Houshold, 'and eateth not the Bread of Idleness.

'Her Children arise up, and call her Blessed; 'her Husband also, and he praiseth her.

'Many Daughters have done virtuously, but thou 'excellest them all.

'Favour is deceitful, and Beauty is vain; but a 'Woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be 'praised.

'Give her of the Fruit of her Hands, and let her 'own Works praise her in the Gates.

Your humble Servant.

SIR,

'I Ventured to your Lion with the following 'Lines, upon an Assurance, that, if you 'thought them not proper Food for your Beast, you 'would at least permit him to tear them.

(Price Two Pence.)

'From

From *Anacreon*.

Ἄγε ζωγράφων ἄριστε, &c.

BEST and happiest Artizan,
Best of Painters, if you can
With your many coloured Art
Paint the Mistress of my Heart:
Describe the Charms, you hear from me,
(Her Charms you cou'd not paint and see)
And make the absent Nymph appear,
As if her lovely self was here.
First draw her easie-flowing Hair
As soft and black, as she is fair;
And, if your Art can rise so high,
Let breathing Odours round her fly.
Beneath the Shade of flowing Jet
The Iv'ry Forehead smoothly set.
With Care the sable Brows extend,
And in two Arches nicely bend,
That the fair Space which lies between,
The meeting Shade may scarce be seen.
The Eye must be uncommon Fire,
Sparkle, languish, and desire,
The Flames unseen must yet be felt,
Like Pallas *kill like* Venus *melt.*
The Rosie Cheeks must seem to glow
Amidst the white of new faln Snow.
Let her Lips Persuasion wear,
In Silence elegantly fair,
As if the blushing Rivals strove,
Breathing and inviting Love.
Below her Chin be sure to deck
With ev'ry Grace her polish'd Neck,
While all that's pretty, soft and sweet,
In the swelling Bosom meet.
The rest in purple Garments veil,
Her Body, not her Shape conceal;
Enough—— the lovely Work is done,
The breathing Paint will speak anon——

I am, SIR,

Your Humble Servant.

Mr. IRONSIDE,

'THE Letter which I sent you some time 'ago, and was subscribed *English Tory*, has 'made, as you must have observed, a very great 'Bustle in Town. There are come out against me 'two *Pamphlets* and two *Examiners*; but there 'are Printed on my Side a Letter to the GUARDIAN about *Dunkirk*, and a *Pamphlet* called *Dunkirk* or *Dover*. I am no proper Judge who has 'the better of the Argument, the *Examiner* or my 'self: But I am sure my Seconds are better than 'his. I have addressed a Defence against the ill 'Treatment I have received for my Letter, '(which ought to have made every Man in '*England* my Friend) to the Bayliff of *Stock-*'*bridge*, because, as the World goes, I am to 'think my self very much obliged to that honest 'Man, and esteem him my Patron, who, allowed 'that Fifty was a greater Number than One 'and twenty, and returned me accordingly to serve 'for that Borough.

'There are very many scurrilous Things said 'against me; but I have turned them to my Ad-'vantage, by quoting them at large, and by that 'means swelling the Volume to 1*s.* Price. If I 'may be so free with my self, I might put you in 'mind upon this Occasion, of one of those Ani-'mals which are famous for their Love of Man-'kind, that when a Bone is thrown at them, fall to 'eating it, instead of flying at the Person who 'threw it. Please to read the Account of the Chan-'nel, by the Map at *Will*'s, and you will find what 'I represent concerning the Importance of *Dunkirk*, 'as to its Situation, very just.

I am,

SIR,

Very often your great Admirer,

Richard Steele.

My Bookseller having informed me, that notwithstanding my Paper daily increases in the Sale, and that there is sold double the Number of Guardians *more than what are Sold of some other Papers which are crowded with Advertisements; In order to oblige my Countrymen, as well as to help my self sometimes in the filling up of this my Paper, I do hereby, at the Desire and with the Advice of my said Bookseller, give Notice, that for the future Advertisements will be Printed in this Paper at* 2*s.* 6*d. each, including the Duty of* 1*s. which is no more than the usual Price paid for an Advertisement before this Duty was laid.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Yesterday was Publish'd,

The Importance of Dunkirk consider'd. In a Letter to the Bayliff of Stockbridge. By Mr. Steele. Printed for A. Baldwin at the Oxford Arms in Warwick-lane.

This is to give Notice, that the Glass Globe Lights (for which Mr. Michael Cole has her Majesties Letters Patents) are so contrived by him that the Lamps of them may be supply'd with Tallow or Wax, (which hath never been used before) as well as Oyle, and so may be accommodated for all Occasions to enlighten within as well as without Doors, and are to be had at reasonable Rates, at Mr. Thomas Young's in St. Martin's Lane, at Mr. John Walker's at the lower End of the Hay-Market near Pall-Mall, at Mr. Edward Camps in Little Turn-Stile Alley in Holborne, and at Mr. Benjamin Eastman's at the Golden Lanthorn in Fanchurch-street, being all Tinn Men.

Mr. BROOKE gives Notice, that on Tuesday the 13th of October he will open a Vault under Clement's Coffee-house against St. Clement's Church (where there is very good Accommodation for Drinking, being formerly the three Tuns Tavern) for the Sale of the same sort of Natural Wines, which now gives such general Satisfaction in the Places he hath already opened, viz. in a Cellar in Nags-head Court, Bartholomew-lane, behind the Royal Exchange; in a Vault, under the corner House in Park Place in St. James's-street, and at the Bumper Tavern in James street Covent-Garden. The Prices out of Doors are as follow, French Wines at 2*s.* 3*d.* Canary and Sherry 2*s.* Port 1*s.* 6*d.* and Florence at 1*s.* 8*d.* per Quart. Note, There is a very good Cook at the Bumper Tavern.

Just Published,

The Speech that was intended to have been spoken by the Terræ Filius in the Theatre at O——d. July 13, 1713. pr. 6*d.* A Letter from an English Tory to his Friend in Town, chiefly occasioned by the several Reflections on Mr. Steele's Guardian of August the 7th. To which is added, the said Guardian by way of Appendix, pr. 3*d.* Sold by E. Smith in Cornhil.

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